(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of land acquird so far and the present status of development work thereon; and

(d) by when, it will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The additional land measuring 355.66 acres at Khajuraho Airport has been handed over by State Government of Madhya Pradesh to Airports Authority of India (AAI) free of cost.

AAI has already taken up the work of runway extension from 6,000 feet to 7,500 feet. AAI has finalised proposals and scope of works for construction of a new terminal building, apron, taxiway, car park area and other related infrastructures to facilitate operation of AB—320 type of aircraft. However, the progress of work is hampered as the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has to take action for diversion of canals, removal of hillock and approach link roads passing through the runway extension area. The projected date of completion is December, 2004 subject to above actions by the State Government.

Permission to JET Airways for Overseas Landing

*103. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given permission to Jet Airways for securing landing slots in London, Singapore and Malaysia and other places; and

(b) if not, the action proposed to be taken against the airlines for approaching other countries for slots without obtaining permission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVILAVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No Sir.

(b) If the airline is approaching other countries for slots without obtaining permission, it is doing so at its own volition and risk.